

Do NOT relax the rules on cross-ownership of TV/newspapers or ownership within same cities. Having worked for a huge media conglomerate (GANNETT), I know how policies always merge toward the middle, the watered-down-if-it's-good-enough-for-Virginia-it-must-be-good-enough-for-(Insert name of any of the other 49 states here) kind of thinking. The FCC should be INSISTING on media independence, such that unique voices can be heard everywhere. Now, what I hear on one radio station in Ohio, I hear in every other state when I'm traveling. Every syndicate's coverage is the same, and most of it's BORING. Please, please, for the sake of what makes this country great and unique and independent, do NOT relax the rules on media ownership. If you do, all "media" will just be taken over by the tacky guys in advertising and sales departments, and every conglomerate-issued broadcast will be "sponsored" by another conglomerate. Bah. Makes me ashamed to call myself an American.